

I represent the American Freedom Alliance. We are concerned with the threats to Western Civilization. Some of those being illegal immigration and the loss of the Rule of Law.

Today isn't the time to discuss the pros and cons of illegal immigration, that isn't what SB54 is about. It's about protecting illegal alien criminals from deportation. Why? In spite of what others have said, it is not true that all law enforcement supports SB54. A few months ago Ventura Sheriff Geoff Dean explained what SB54 did and didn't do. He had written an op-ed in the newspaper saying SB54 was NOT in the best interest of public safety. The Association of California Sheriffs did not support SB54. Sheriff Dean said SB54 puts him in a difficult situation. If he obeys California Law, he breaks his oath to uphold the Constitution and if he obeys the Constitution he breaks his oath to uphold California Law.

Sheriff Dean said there are NO low level criminals in our jails, they don't jail low level criminals. California has reduced hundreds of felonies to misdemeanors. He said only serious criminals were being released into our communities instead of over to ICE. I'm sure those here in support of not cooperating with ICE have good intentions but if ICE can't pick up criminals from jails, they have to go into the community to find them. If they have to go looking for them, the law requires them to pick up any illegals they find which may include your sweet nanny or neighbor.

We're told SB54 protects illegal alien victims who otherwise would be afraid of cooperating with the police. However, releasing the criminals these victims helped convict back into their community then puts them at risk of retaliation. How is that protecting them? Or any of us? Isn't that the FIRST job of government? We expect law enforcement agencies to cooperate with each other to keep us safe. Don't agencies share DNA & fingerprint data? Don't other agencies hold criminals for extradition to other states? Don't the police and Sheriffs cooperate with the FBI? Why would they not cooperate with ICE?

We just had another example of how dangerous it is to release illegal alien criminals into our communities with the death of Deputy Ronhil Singh. Sheriff Adam Christianson said, through tears, that California's sanctuary laws were to blame for his death. Of course they are. I don't understand the justification of refusing to turn any illegal alien criminal over to ICE. Did Sheriff Villanueva take an oath of office? Wasn't the oath to protect and defend the Constitution and uphold our laws? Where does it say he can chose what laws to enforce? Isn't it the job of the Sheriff to protect American citizens? Why, on earth, would anyone want to keep, as Sheriff Dean said, "serious criminals" in this country? How does that benefit us?

We would like the Sheriff to explain why illegal alien criminals are exempt from laws we legal citizens would be held to? If we used stolen or fraudulent identification, committed tax fraud, employment fraud, voter fraud, etc. we'd be in serious trouble. We are offended by a Sheriff sworn to protect us saying he'd bodily remove ICE from his jail.

We want law enforcement agencies (all of them) to cooperate with each other to PROTECT US.